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husband is engaged or married, she takes up quite a sisterly tone toward the preserve, assuming that his state makes it different from that of the ordinary man, and that henceforth he is safe and she may be free. She gets into the way of calling him "dear" and "old," as the still more distinct assumption of sisterliness; and she generally kissed him when she sees him. As she kisses a brother, she says, if this unusual, though pleasant habit of hers is objected to by the more conventional of her friends, whom she calls ill-natured and suspicious, I advise, in no wise, to stand by while this interesting little ceremony is about? And what harm can there be in it if she sees it, and does not object? All very well; but the wife is not always standing by, and the chances are—human nature being, but a rickety concern at the best—that the ceremony which is so innocent in her presence acquires a somewhat different tone and flavor in her absence. This, of course, she posesses no right to demand, and, consequently, demands that those purchasers never do confess their trade, and their snares and traps are for anything but unlawful game.

If the poscher is of a defiant nature, and fond of showing her power, she does not care to make friends with the wife; and then it is open war, and not a masked battery, with certain discomfiture to one or the other in the future. It is such an exquisite delight to some women to make men regret on their accounts, to make them mourn over the infatuation which impelled them to act so rashly, so prematurely. If only they had waited! if only they had foreseen the possibilities

From the London Times of August 30.]

An article under this title, written by Mrs. Beecher Stowe, commences the September number of *Macmillan's Magazine*. It will be read with world-wide interest, for though forty-five years have worn out the spell which once belonged to Byron's verse, though criticism has have been a reproach to Turkey or the Emperor of Dahomey—a wagger of battle in Westminster Hall, Thornton was brought up for trial on an appeal after acquittal for murder. No one seemed to have any doubt of the prisoner's guilt; but he escaped, owing to the untidiness of a profound real-property lawyer to manage a criminal trial. For this reason the public sense was not offended by recourse being had to an absolute proceeding. The court was crowded to excess. Lord Ellenborough asked Reader whether he had anything to move, and he having moved that Thornton should be permitted to plead, he was brought to the bar. The declaration or count being read to him, he said, "Not guilty. And this I am ready to defend with my body." And at the same time he threw a remarkably large glove or gauntlet on to the floor of the court. Though we all expected this plea, yet we all felt astonishment—at least I did—at beholding before our eyes a scene acted which we had read of as one of the disgraceful institutions of our half-civilized ancestors. No one smiled. The judges looked embarrassed. Clark on this began a very weak speech. He was surprised, "at this time of day," at so obsolete a proceeding; as if the appeal itself were not as much so.

The Last "Wager of Battle."

We find in an exchange the following imperfect account of this affair, extracted from Henry Crabb Robinson's *Diary*. It occurred in 1817:

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husband, snarling at a duck and a hen, the romance which has so long been allowed to drap the falsehood and meanness of his character. Leaving the present revelation out of the question, the fact that those interesting misfortunes which at one time the world delighted to weep over, were the natural consequences of the vices of the victim, has all along been clear enough, yet seldom, if ever, has this been boldly insisted on, while in nearly every extant biographical notice of the poet—and their name is legion—his wretchedness has been pleaded in mitigation of his errors.

His domestic quarrels have been described where English poetry is read, and the public, forced reluctantly to take Lady Byron's part, has done so with the worst grace. To blame her was, indeed, impossible; but it was easy to pity him—to condole with this genius thrown away on a woman who could not understand him, and paying so dearly for his sin take. Men, and women, too, made boasts of their superior wisdom, and rendered

He pointed out the person of Ashford, the appellant, and thought the court would not award battle between men of such disproportionate strength. But being asked whether he had any authority for such a position, he had no better reply than that it was shocking because the defendant had murdered the sister, that he should then murder the brother. For which Lord Ellenborough justly reproved him by observing that what this is amounted could not be murder. Time was, however, given him to counter-plead, and Reader judiciously said in a single sentence that he had taken on himself to advise the wager of battle, on account of the prejudices against Thornton, by which a fair trial was rendered impossible.

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did spin, or a famous walk—not on the
high road—or else goes with him for a
snell of annoying or croquet on the lawn;
she herself and all those whom the dread-
ful revelation would overwhelm are in
their graves, that it is given to the world.
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So he takes to the puncher eagerly. If his wife was a braker companion, he would not have taken to her so warmly; but, as things are, she is a

in her, and blows out if his wife is unwise enough to show any jealousy, if she objects to such excessive intimacy, or wishes "that girl would not be always

perdy. She modestly assented the price of her heart at sixty thousand dollars, but the Canadian jury decided that it was worth just three thousand five hundred dollars, and so they gave him the money, and he has been married ever since.

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